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SUBJ: SOUTH PACIFIC LABOUR MINISTERS CONFERENCE:

SECOND DAY, OCTOBER 31

1. CONSIDERATION IN MORNING SESSION, OCT 31, OF
SECOND AGENDA ITEM, ROLE AND FUNCTION OF LABOR
DEPARTMENTS, EMPHASIZED DOCTRINAL DIFFERENCES WHICH
EXIST BETWEEN SPONSORS AND MOST CONFEREES AT SOUTH
PACIFIC LABOUR MINISTERS CONFERENCE.

2. BASIC DISCUSSION PAPER PREPARED BY GEORGE FOGGON,
OVERSEAS LABOR ADVISOR TO BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE, BUT
ATTENDING CONFERENCE AS MEMBER OF SOLOMON ISLANDS
DELEGATION, FOGGON PREMISE THAT SOCIAL PURPOSES TAKE
PRECEDENCE OVER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOUND LITTLE
SUPPORT OUTSIDE AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND. IT WAS
QUESTIONED BY COUNTRY AFTER COUNTRY, SPEARHEADED BY
PREMIER HENRY OF COOK ISLAND.

3. IN AFTERNNON SESSION ON FINAL AGENDA ITEM, CONSIDERATION
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OF EMPLOYMENT PROMOTION AND RELATED PROBLEMS, PREMIER

HENRY WAS IN CHAIR AND EXPLOITED EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO EMPHASIZE HIS BELIEF THAT ORGANIZING, TRAINING AND LEGISLATING FOR WORKERS WAS RIDICULOUS OF THERE WAS NO WORK IN FIRST PLACE.

4. (COMMENT: APPARENTLY, COOK ISLANDS ARE REGARDED BY NEW ZEALAND IN MUCH THE SAME WAY AS AUSTRALIA REGARDS PAPUA NEW GUINEA. THERE IS FEELING OF RESPONSIBILITY WITHOUT DESIRE FOR AUTHORITY.) HENRY DISCOMFITED NEW ZEALANDS DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER WATTS BY REPORTING THAT NEW ZEALAND CITIZENSHIP, NOW EXTENDED TO COOK ISLANDERS AS OF RIGHT, HURT HIS COUNTRY BY MAKING IT EASY FOR COOK ISLANDERS TO LEAVE FOR HIGH WAGES IN MAJOR COUNTRY. HENRY RELATED HOW SPECIALIST AND SKILLED WORKERS OF COOK ORIGIN HAD TO BE "BORROWED BACK", SOMETIMES THROUGH UNITED NATIONS AGENCIES.

5. NEW ELEMENT WAS INTRODUCED WHEN PRESIDENT HAMMER DE ROBERT OF NAURU, BY PRE-AGREEMENT WITH SESSION CHAIRMAN HENRY, DISCUSSED PROBABLE EFFECT ON HIS COUNTRY WHEN MINERALS "EXPLOITATION" BY FOREIGN COMPANIES ENDS; STARTING IN FIVE YEARS WITH COMPLETION IN FIFTEEN TO TWENTY YEARS. GRIM PICTURE SHOWING OVER 50 PERCENT UNEMPLOYMENT COULD BE HELPED, NAURU PRESIDENT SUGGESTED, BY AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENTS PERMITTING EMPLOYMENT OF HIS PEOPLE IN THEIR COUNTRIES NOW, ON CONTROLLED BASIS. (DE ROBERT DID NOT PRESS IMMEDIATE ANSWER, WHICH MAJOR COUNTRIES OBSERVABLY BELIEVED TO HEAR).

6. BOTH SESSIONS HEARD FROM ILO, UNDP, SPC AND SPEC REPRESENTATIVES THAT AGENCIES EAGER AND WILLING TO SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATE IN SEMINARS OR TRAINING PROGRAMS IF CONFERENCE COULD AGREE ON PROGRAM.

7. COMMENT: BY END OF DAY, AUSTRALIA'S SECRETARY OF LABOR IAN SHARP WAS READY TO CONCEDE, IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH LABATT, THAT CONFERENCE WAS "USEFULL CATHARSIS SESSION". THIS WAS CONSIDERABLY LOWER THAN SHARP WAS HOPING FOR IN WEEK BEFORE CONFERENCE. LABATT CONSIDERS EFFORT TO STICK TO TIGHT SCENARIO HAS FAILED AND MORE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROBLEMS THAN ANSWERS HAVE EMERGED. AGREEMENT ON FINAL COMMUNIQUE, TO BE WRITTEN OVERNIGHT BY "SEC. GEN". DENIS VOLKER, SHOULD PROVE INTERESTING EXERCISE. VOLKER HAS PROVIDED SESSION BY SESSION MINUTES THAT ARE MASTERPIECES OF DISCRETE EDITING. HANNAH

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